AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on June 9, 2004.

Claim 63 is amended, claims <u>1-59 and 64-73</u> are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims <u>60-63</u> are now pending in this application.

The amendment to claim 63 is to change dependency from rejected claim 21 to allowed claim 60. The amendment is to clarify the claims and is not intended to limit the scope of equivalents to which any claim element may be entitled. The amendment to the claim has support throughout the specification. No new matter has been added as a result.

Claims 1-59 and 64-73 have been canceled solely to advance the prosecution of the present application, and without prejudice to their further prosecution in an appropriately filed continuing or divisional application.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of the 1449 Form, listing all references that were submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 23, 2004, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next official communication.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 72-73 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

These claims have been cancelled, thus rendering this rejection moot.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 21-25, 27, 31-58, 64-71 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Devic (U.S. Patent No. 5,219,601).

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Allowed Claims

Applicant again notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 60-63. Applicant has amended claim 63, however, to depend on allowed claim 60 rather than on claim 21, which currently stands rejected. Applicant believes that claim 63 is now in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney 515-233-3865 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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